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DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*presents*

**Murder  
in the  
Cathedral**

*by*

T. S. Eliot

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# P R O G R A M M E

Prologue by Mr. John Buell

## PART I

The scene is the Archbishop's Hall.

December 2nd, 1170

The priests and people of Canterbury await the return of their Archbishop after an enforced absence of seven years.

A Herald announces the arrival of Becket on English soil.

The Archbishop is welcomed.

He is visited by FOUR TEMPTERS.

THE FIRST TEMPTER suggests that he revive the gaiety of his youth.

THE SECOND TEMPTER that he give worldly power first consideration.

THE THIRD TEMPTER would have him espouse the cause of the Barons against the King.

THE FOURTH TEMPTER—the most dangerous, seeks to lead him on to spiritual pride:

“Bind Thomas, bind King and Bishop  
under your heel”

“Seek the way of martyrdom, make yourself  
the lowest on earth, to be high in heaven.”

## INTERLUDE

The Archbishop preaches in the Cathedral  
on Christmas morning 1170.

Ten Minute Intermission

## PART II

The first scene is in the Archbishop's Hall.

The second scene is in the Cathedral.

December 29th, 1170.

### SCENE 1

The workmen of Canterbury foresee the impending tragedy.

The Knights enter. Becket listens to their insolent accusations but refuses to accede to their demands.

Infuriated, the Knights leave, with a threat to return.

The priests implore the Archbishop to flee to the Cathedral where he will be safe.

### SCENE 2

The Knights return to murder the Archbishop.

Sobered by their murderous deed they attempt to excuse their fearful crime.

The Priests and Workmen join in prayer.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

*Blessed Thomas, pray for us.*

## CAST

### WORKMEN OF CANTERBURY—

Vincent Gribbin  
Peter Desbarats  
Michael Keating  
Gordon Maguire  
Anthony Raspa  
Richard Riendeau  
Lonny Holland  
Junior Beauregard

FIRST PRIEST . . . . .	Lawrence Oneson
SECOND PRIEST . . . . .	Clayton Mayotte
THIRD PRIEST . . . . .	Gerald Olney
HERALD . . . . .	Neal Patton
ARCHBISHOP THOMAS BECKET . . . .	Robert Burns
FIRST TEMPTER AND KNIGHT . . .	William Tinmouth
SECOND TEMPTER AND KNIGHT . . .	Dennis Moffat
THIRD TEMPTER AND KNIGHT . . .	Donald Brophy
FOURTH TEMPTER AND KNIGHT . . .	Lorne O'Brien



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